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**City of Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Hosts Conference on Stalking**
Training event seeks to educate criminal justice and victim service providers

A recent nationwide survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 6.6 million people were stalked in a 12-month period and that one in six women and one in 19 men are stalked in their lifetimes.

The findings also confirm what law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other professionals have been hearing from victims for years: that most stalking cases today involve some form of technology. More than three-quarters of victims reported having received unwanted phone calls or voice and text messages; and roughly one-third of victims were watched, followed, or tracked with a listening or other device.

To ensure that professionals in Milwaukee and from across the state who respond to and work with stalking victims understand the dynamics of stalking and how stalkers are using technology, the City of Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, the Milwaukee Police Department, Sojourner Family Peace Center, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services, are presenting a day-long training that will enhance the ability of local responders to recognize and effectively respond to stalking.

The training is being provided by the Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime. Located in Washington, D.C., the mission of the Stalking Resource Center is to enhance the ability of professionals, organizations, and systems to effectively respond to stalking.

WHEN: Thursday, October 11, 2012

WHERE: Harbor Lights Room, O'Donnell Park Complex
900 E. Michigan St.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.victimsofcrime.org/src or www.milwaukee.gov/health.

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